CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Name: Beth Gonzales Age: 54

Occupation: High School Teacher

Our community needs a trustworthy and effective representative— which is why I'm running for the City Council. I'm a mother, teacher, and community organizer, who will ensure our voices are heard at City Hall.

My husband David and I care deeply about District 7. We have lived here for 30 years while raising our two children and grandson. I've been a public school teacher for 31 years - teaching at Foothill, Overfelt and Oak Grove High Schools.

I'm proud to be the only candidate endorsed by former Mayor Susan Hammer. Over the years, we have worked together to empower diverse neighbors to stand up and fight for a better quality of life.

I believe a candidate's track record matters - and mine speaks for itself. As a former chair of the faith-based organization People Acting in Community Together (PACT), I worked to organize the community and secure millions of dollars in health care funding for children and families working together with mayors, councilmembers, and residents.

My priorities are: good-paying jobs, safer streets, better schools, housing that working families can afford, and quality health care coverage for anyone who needs it.

I would appreciate your vote on June 7.